(d) Under the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme, import of capital goods at 5% Custom duty is allowed subject to an export obligation equivalent to eight times of duty saved on capital goods imported. However, so far as SSI Units are concerned, import of capital goods at 5% Customs duty under EPCG Scheme are allowed subject to a fulfillment of an export obligation equivalent to six times duty saved over a period of 8 years subject to the condition that landed CIF value of such imported capital goods under the Scheme does not exceed Rs. Twenty Five Lakhs and the total investment in plant and machinery of such imports does not exceed the SSI limit. Similarly, to create modern infrastructure in the Retail Sector, concessional 5% duty benefits under this Scheme have been extended to import of capital goods required by retailers having minimum area of 1000 sq. meters and such retailer is under obligation to fulfill Export Obligation equivalent to eight times duty saved over a period of eight years.

GoM on FDI

3356. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a high level Group of Ministers to examine Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in various sectors including telecommunications and aviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the composition of common FDI;

(c) what are the proposals in telecommunications and aviation sector (including domestic airlines) which have yet to be finalised by the GoM on FDI;

(d) the reasons for delay in taking a decision on these sectors; and

(e) by when Government propose to take a final view on investment in above sector?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) A Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted to consider specific proposals related to review of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy. Based on the recommendations of the GoM, decisions have since been taken by the Government which have been notified on 10.2.2006.